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SUBJECT: PROTEST DEMONSTRATION

1. ON FRIDAY, JUNE 7, MISSION ALERTED BY LOCAL POLICE THAT THE LMR (LEAGUE OF MARXIST REVOLUTIONARIES) AND OTHER ANARCHIST GROUPS" WERE PLANNING A DEMONSTRATION AT 1500 HOURS THE FOLLOWING DAY AGAINST THE JUNTA REGIME IN CHILE. US BUSINESS CONCERNS WERE ADVISED AND INTERNAL SECURITY MEASURES ESTABLISHED AT THE MISSION.

2. ON SATURDAY AFTERNOON, APPROXIMATELY SIX PLATOONS OF RIOT POLICE ASSEMBLED AT THE MISSION AREA. THE DEMONSTRATORS, ESTIMATED AT 2500 PEOPLE, MET AT PLACE DES APLES (A MILE FROM THE MISSION) WHERE SPEECHES WERE GIVEN AND PAMPHLETS DISTRIBUTED SUPPORTING THE "WORKERS" IN CHILE AND OTHER DICTATORSHIP GOVERNMENTS AND CLAIMING US IMPERIALISM IN SUPPORT OF THESE GOVERNMENTS. THE DEMONSTRATORS MARCHED ALONG THE LAKE ROAD TO THE UNITED NATIONS BUILDING WHERE THE INTERNATIONAL LABOR ORGANIZATION CONFERENCE IS TAKING PLACE AND REMOVED THE UNITED NATIONS FLAG

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AND REPLACED IT WITH A RED ONE. THEY THEN CONTINUED TO THE AREA

OF THE RAILROAD STATION AND FROM THERE A SMALL GROUP PROCEEDED
UP RUE DE LAUSANNE WHERE THEY WERE STOPPED BY THE POLICE
APPROXIMATELY 300 YARDS FROM THE MISSION.

3. POLICE REPORTED SIX ARRESTS AND THE DEMONSTRATORS WERE
SUPPORTED BY APPROXIMATELY 400 "WORKERS" FROM LYON, FRANCE.
A CONTINGENT OF POLICE REMAINED TO PROTECT THE MISSION UNTIL
EARLY SUNDAY MORNING.DALE

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